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Title: **Durable Valve Lifter for Combustion Engines and  
Methods of Making Same**

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FOR PATENT APPLICATION -Sole Inventor

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Inventorship

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Durable Valve Lifter for Combustion Engines and Methods of Making Same** the specification of which:

XX is attached hereto.  
\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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